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PUBLIC INVITED TO FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR MAYOR SCRUGGS, VICE MAYOR FRATE

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. – Citizens are invited to attend a farewell reception in honor of outgoing Mayor Elaine Scruggs and Vice Mayor Steve Frate from 5 – 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, December 11. The reception will be held in the Council Chambers Gallery at the Glendale City Hall complex, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

The reception will provide residents, members of the business community and others the opportunity to say goodbye to these two long-time elected officials. Cake and coffee will be served.

Scruggs began her tenure with the city as a councilmember representing the Cholla District in 1990 and has served as mayor since 1993. Her contributions to Glendale, the Valley and the state since becoming the city's first female mayor are unparalleled.

Locally, among some of her most notable accomplishments, Scruggs led the effort to save Manistee Ranch, when the historic landmark was scheduled to be razed for a planned grocery store; helped establish state statutes to preserve Luke Air Force Base's training mission from residential growth; reinvigorated residents' participation in local government through creation of the state's first Citizen Participation Ordinance, as well as Glendale University; and helped foster the redevelopment of downtown Glendale, using festivals as one way to accomplish that.

Regionally, Scruggs has held numerous state and countywide leadership positions on such important matters as transportation, military affairs, economic development and local governance. She serves as an executive member and past president of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council and the MAG Transportation Policy Committee.

Earlier this year, Scruggs was named one of the 48 Most Intriguing Women of Arizona in honor of the state centennial. And, most recently, she was the recipient of the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award from MAG in recognition of her 22 years of service exemplifying regional cooperation.

Frate has represented residents living in the Sahuaro District since 2000 and has served as vice mayor since 2010.

He is currently a member of the Glendale Community College President's Circle and the Glendale Rotary. Frate is past chairman of the Glendale Salvation Army Advisory Board and a former member of the Glendale Government Services Committee.

Regionally, Frate serves on MAG's Commuter Rail Stakeholders Group and on the association's Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness. He is past chairman of the Maricopa County Community Services Commission and was previously appointed by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to represent the state on the Community and Economic Development Policy Committee for the National League of Cities.

Scruggs' and Frate's last day in office will be January 15, 2013.

No reservations are necessary to attend the farewell reception. For more information on the upcoming reception, call 623-930-2249.

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